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I Love Pahoee Day will feature Low Country Boil

Pahoee will celebrate "I Love Pahoee Day" with a Low Country Boil & Fish Fry on Saturday, March 27, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Pahoee Main Street.

"Some say the Low Country Boil originated in Louisiana, while others insist it came from South Carolina or Georgia," says Shirley Jarrell, Pahoee Main Street Coordinator. "We don't quibble over such details, we just enjoy the delicious mix of special spices cooked together with shrimp, sausage, boiled corn, new potatoes, onions and celery. We serve it with hushpuppies and iced tea for only \$10. For those who don't like such dishes, we offer a dinner of catfish fingers and all the trimmings for only \$6," she said.

Tickets may be purchased from Chamber board members or at the Pahoee Chamber of Commerce.

Special entertainment will be provided by the Harvest Church Brass Ensemble, Pahoee Middle-Senior High School Multi-Cultural Dancers and Tasmin Mahfuz, who performs traditional Indian dances.

Volunteers are still needed to cook, serve, and sell tickets. Call the chamber at 924-5579 for more information.

Glades Central to host Criminal Justice Career Day

On Thursday, March 18, the Criminal Justice Academy Advisory Board at Glades Central Community High School will be hosting its annual Criminal Justice Career Day, in conjunction with Juvenile Justice Week.

There will be over 30 Criminal Justice agencies from the federal, state and local levels represented. Students who are enrolled in the Criminal Justice Academy at Glades Central, students from the Eagle Academy, and 8th and 9th grade students who have applied to the Criminal Justice Academy for next year will have a chance to gather information from all the agencies present.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department Color Guard Unit will present the colors at 9 a.m. to start the day. Students will then rotate to each agency and at the conclusion, the City of Belle Glade Police Department will provide lunch for all participants.

Pastors' wives invited to meeting

All Glades area pastors' wives are invited to help in the preparation of a day honoring Glades area spiritual leaders.

The planning meeting is set for Thursday, March 25 at 5 p.m. at the Haitian American Community Council building, 909 South Main Street, Belle Glade (near Affordable Cleaners).

For information call Gerry at 992-0301.

Fire marshall labels Monday's fire at Winn Dixie "suspicious"

By Brenda Bunting Editor

A fire that started in the men's restroom at the Winn Dixie store on South Main Street about 2 p.m. Monday is being called suspicious by the fire marshall's office.

Belle Glade Fire responded to the fire in the Big Lake Plaza and put out the flames in about 15 minutes. The damage was estimated at almost \$50,000 and was contained to the restroom and an upstairs area.

"Some people are saying the sprinkler system saved that

store, or it would have been another U-Save," said Sgt. Matthew Sweet with the Belle Glade Police Department, who is investigating the fire.

U-Save Supermarket was totaled in a fire in 1987 and a new store was later built at the same location on Avenue E.

Police detectives are reviewing Winn Dixie's surveillance camera tapes to try to determine who was in the store at the time.

No one was hurt in the fire. A store manager at Winn Dixie said the store reopened for business late Monday evening.



Employees wait outside while Belle Glade Fire Department personnel clear the smoke from inside Winn Dixie Monday afternoon. The store was reopened later in the evening. Damage is estimated at \$50,000.

"Huffing"- are our kids doing this?

By Katrina Eleken Contributing Editor

Kids who inhale chemicals may be looking for a cheap high, but it could cost them their lives or lead to a life of drug abuse.

Inhaling household chemicals, or "huffing," can be addictive and can lead to using other drugs, said Sgt. David Carhart of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

"It used to be more of a problem in the Glades," he said. "Now with crack cocaine so cheap, they've gotten away from sniffing."

Kids who started getting high on chemical fumes are graduating up to harder drugs, he said.

Inhaling chemical fumes, sometimes called "huffing" or "sniffing," is not a new problem. According to the National Institute of Health, the problem first surfaced in the 1950s,

when young people "sniffed" glue.

"Kids who 'huff' damage their brains. They basically become zombies," says Sgt. David Carhart.

Addicts inhale volatile solvents, which are either in gas form or in liquids that evaporize at room temperature. These solvents are in a wide variety of household and office products.

Since the 1950s, the number of products containing volatile solvents has increased, along with the dangers.

The "high" from huffing comes from the way the human body reacts to these chemical vapors. When the addict breathes in the chemical vapors, the vapors get into the lungs and this shuts off the oxygen to the brain. This causes a quick form of intoxication

followed by drowsiness, staggering, lightheadedness and agitation, according to the NIH report. It can also cause the heart to stop, resulting in death.

The NIH term is Sudden Sniffing Death or SSD. According to the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition, there have been 240 cases of death from "huffing" inhalants since 1996. Officials suspect the death toll could be much higher, but since the substances inhaled are not illegal, there are no requirements for reporting them.

"Huffing" can also be a factor in other deaths such as fatal automobile accidents and suicides. A federal study of users by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services estimated the number of new users increased from 380,000

in 1991 to 805,000 in 1997.

An NIH survey conducted in 1997 indicated that 20 percent of the nation's eighth graders admitted to have tried "huffing" at least once during their life.

The issue is difficult for law enforcement to control, say area law enforcement officials. The substances abused are not illegal. A child can walk into a supermarket, office supply store or convenience store and buy these products.

The substances "huffed" are present in so many household products, it is impossible for stores or law enforcement to control it.

Kids who "huff" chemicals damage their brains, said Sgt. Carhart. "They basically become zombies. The brain damage seems to be even worse and more permanent than that caused by some of the other

drugs."

He said after a while the body becomes more resistant to a certain chemical and they no longer get the high they are seeking. That's usually when they turn to harder drugs, he explained.

Parents must become the first line of defense against inhalant abuse, say law enforcement officials. Parents should talk to their kids about the dangers and keep their eyes open for signs of trouble.

Sgt. Carhart said parents should acquaint themselves with the signs of inhalant or other drug abuse.

"You may find empty cans of what they're sniffing-in the trash and they have no reason to have that product in their room," he said.

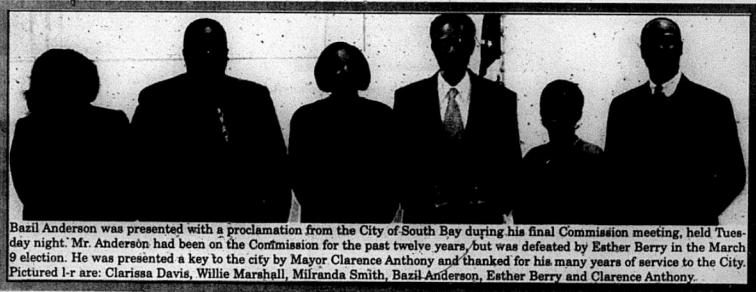
Next week: Recognizing the signs of abuse

Two die in head-on collision

A Belle Glade man and a Clewiston man both died in a head-on collision at State Road 25 and Okeelanta Road on Saturday, March 13.

Florida Highway Patrol handled the accident. Johnnie L. Lusane Jr., 48, of Belle Glade and Anthony McGrew, 23, of Clewiston died at the scene about 6:30 p.m.

Troopers say Lusane, who was driving north in the southbound lanes of SR 25, hit head-on into McGrew.



Basil Anderson was presented with a proclamation from the City of South Bay during his final Commission meeting, held Tuesday night. Mr. Anderson had been on the Commission for the past twelve years, but was defeated by Esther Berry in the March 9 election. He was presented a key to the city by Mayor Clarence Anthony and thanked for his many years of service to the City. Pictured l-r are: Clarissa Davis, Willie Marshall, Miranda Smith, Basil Anderson, Esther Berry and Clarence Anthony.

Task force working to sustain South Florida Ecosystem

First in a series

By TWILA VALENTINE

The area of central and south Florida from Orlando to Florida Bay will no doubt go down in history as the most studied ecosystem in the world. There are so many projects, groups and studies underway that the federal government formed a group to coordinate and oversee all of them.

In 1993, a federal ecosystem restoration task force was es-

tablished through interagency agreement. Its primary function is to coordinate the development of consistent policies, strategies, plans, programs, and priorities for addressing the environmental concerns of the south Florida ecosystem.

By 1996, the task force was formalized and expanded to include tribal, state and local governments and was legislated in the 1996 Water Resources Development Act. In this current form, it is serving as a clearing house, referee, and coordinating entity. It is designed to help guide the restoration effort by all the various governments and groups, keep the efforts on track and ensure fiscal accountability.

At the present time, the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force is overseeing the work of the Everglades Forever Act, the Kissimmee River Restoration Project, the Central & South Florida Restudy, and other efforts that are underway by federal, state, and academic entities.

The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration and Sustainability project consists of nearly 200 environmental restoration, growth management, agricultural, and urban revitalization projects, programs, and initiatives that are designed to make South Florida more sustainable in the future.

The overall goals of all the projects are: Restore the nat-

ural hydrology of South Florida; enhance and recover native habitats and species; revitalize urban core areas to reduce the outward migration of suburbs and improve the quality of life in core areas.

Most of the studies are proceeding on the premise that on the current course the natural and built environments of South Florida are not sustainable. The environment, society and economics of South Florida are not discrete and separate systems but are related to interlinking subsystems that make up the South Florida ecosystem.

The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force consists of: National Park Service;

Bureau of Indian Affairs; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Geological Survey; Natural Resources Conservation Service; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; National Marine Fisheries Service; National Ocean Service; Department of Housing and Urban Development; Department of Justice; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Federal Highway Administration; Federal Transit Authority; Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida; Seminole Tribe of Florida; Florida Department of Environmental Protection; South Florida Water Management District; Governor's Commis-

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Auditions for THE WIZ OF THE WEST

Auditions will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of *The Wiz of the West* on Monday, March 22, 1999 at Belle Glade Elementary from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All those auditioning should arrive at 3:30 p.m. and plan to stay for the full two-hour audition. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the auditions.

Among the roles to be cast are Dotty, Mooch, Scared Crow, Lionel, Hawknoose Halley, Dr. Ozzy, Top Dog, Mad Dog, Bad Dog, Coyotes, Munch Kin, Buzzards and Tarantulas. Students ages K through 12 are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week, and to take on essential backstage responsibilities. Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. The MCT Tour Actors/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 3:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. each day.

The Wiz of the West will be presented on Saturday, March 27, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. For ticket information, contact the box office at 992-6160.

Below: New Chamber members...Two new members were chosen to serve two year terms on the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. They are Norman Jenkins with Glades Correctional Institution and Leo Sutterfield with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department, Glades Sub-station.



Above: Carl Seibert, executive director of the EDGE Center accepts the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce "Member of the Month" award on behalf of the Center's Board of Directors.

Keeping our kids safe from tornadoes

By Mike Lyons, WPBF-TV
Meg Saucedo was an eyewitness to history. Meg was seven years old when an F5 tornado, with winds over 300 mph, tore through her hometown of Xenia, Ohio.

That twister was one of 148 tornadoes that rumbled across the Midwest in a 24-hour period in April of 1974. Dozens of people were killed, hundreds more injured in what has become known as the "super tornado outbreak."

Harest hit was Xenia, a small community not far from Dayton. The twister destroyed half the town, killing 34 people and causing \$100 million in property damage.

"I'll never forget that day," Meg told me in our newsroom. Today, Meg coordinates coverage of severe weather and other news events as a local television producer.

"I was playing outside with my sister when I saw the twister," she told me. "We ran into the house and down into the basement."

The tornado spared Meg's house, but took out most of the block. "The damage was staggering," she said. "I've never seen anything like it."

Neither had anyone else in Ohio. The "super outbreak" changed the way Ohio prepares for severe weather. New regu-

lations were instituted, including requiring all schools to conduct tornado drills.

States with a higher tornado frequency - Texas, Oklahoma, Florida - do not require schools to hold tornado drills. That is one of the many startling facts uncovered during a four month investigation into weather safety at Florida schools conducted by my WPBF-TV colleague, Greg Padgett.

What he found is surprising and disturbing.

Many schools, both public and private; do not conduct regular tornado drills. In fact, Greg discovered one high school had not held a tornado drill in 12 years.

Schools do practice fire drills, but tornado drills are another matter. They are not required by state law (only in Ohio) and each individual school district is free to determine its own policy.

Even more alarming, Greg discovered that some school weather plans may actually place students in danger. At least two principals plan to move students out of portable classrooms and into the gym or cafeteria in the event of a tornado. That plan of action is not endorsed by the National Weather Service.

"You get people in large, free-span rooms, and the roof comes

down and the windows blow in. It's a very dangerous situation," said Jim Lushine of the National Weather Service's Miami office.

Florida's tornadoes are short-lived storms that require quick action. Yet, Greg discovered one school took over one hour to respond to a recent tornado warning.

Other schools are using old and inaccurate information, like telling students and teachers to open the windows and doors if a storm approaches. Still other schools lack basic severe storm warning equipment like a weather radio.

Not every school district has problems. Martin County has an excellent weather safety program, including requiring all schools to conduct tornado drills.

Yet, Greg unearthed flaws in several school weather plans, flaws that should be addressed now, before the start of Florida's severe weather season.

Administrators should take a fresh look at each school's weather plan, conduct at least one tornado drill and make sure each weather radio is operating properly.

With the right preparation, Florida's school children can be eyewitnesses to weather history, and like Meg Saucedo, live to tell about it.

Local farmers named to advisory committee

Florida Farm Bureau President Carl B. Loop Jr. has appointed the members of the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau to serve on the State Advisory Committee during 1999.

Tax Committee - Edwin Jones, Pahokee; **Sugar Committee** - Rick Roth, West Palm Beach; **West Palm Beach** - James Shine and Craig Pate, Belle Glade; **Roger Hatton**, Pahokee and **Mack Soddors**, North Palm Beach; **Labor Committee** - Ann Holt, West Palm Beach.

"Our 20 advisory committees are made up of individuals who are recognized experts in the production of their commodities," Mr. Loop said. "The committees play a vital role in determining what action Farm Bureau will take on issues." Each advisory committee addresses a specific commodity, group of commodities, or an area of broad concern to farmers, such as water quality and availability.

Voting delegates adopt policies at the Federa-

tion's annual meeting. The 1999 annual meeting will be held Oct. 16-19 at the Hyatt Regency Westshore Hotel in Tampa. In the months leading up to the annual meeting, each advisory committee will meet to discuss issues within that committee's area of concern. The committee may offer specific policies for approval by the delegate body at the annual meeting. County Farm Bureaus also may propose new policies or changes to existing ones. Once adopted, they become the Florida Farm Bureau Federation's "marching orders" for the following year.

Farm Bureau's unique policy development process assures individual, active members are the driving force behind our actions," Mr. Loop observed. "Farm Bureau is a true grass-roots organization." Florida Farm Bureau Federation, headquartered in Gainesville, has more than 183,000 member families, 16th the state's largest general interest agricultural organization.

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Whole grain foods can reduce risk of disease

Did you eat whole grain cereal for breakfast this morning? If you did, you may have increased your chances of a long life.

A study published March 1, 1999 in the American Journal of Public Health shows that eating whole grain foods such as dark breads and whole grain breakfast cereals is associated with a 15 to 25 percent reduction in deaths by many major diseases including heart disease and cancer.

"There were striking inverse associations of whole grain intake with the risk of death," said the study's author, David R. Jacobs Jr., professor of epidemiology at the University of Minnesota. "We believe these findings on whole grain intake have important public health implications."

The news was highly publicized by the makers of whole grain cereals such as Wheaties. "We've had sports legends such as Babe Didrickson, Lou Gehrig, Babe Ruth, Bruce Jenner and Michael Jordan grace the Wheaties box, but because of this research, maybe the next person on the box ought to be a scientist who champions the cause of whole grains," stated Jim Murphy, Wheaties marketing engineer, in a press release.

The study, titled "Is Whole Grain Intake Associated With Reduced Total and Cause-Specific Death Rates in Older Women," was funded through a grant from the National Institutes of Health. Researchers gathered data on 38,740 women, ages 55 to 69, over a ten-year period.

Women who consumed at least one serving of whole grain food per day had lower risk of serious disease than those who did not eat whole grains, according to the study. Those who ate two servings of whole grain foods reduced their risk even further.

The researchers adjusted the results to take into consideration differences in the subject's lifestyles and other risk factors.

Mr. Jacobs said scientists may not completely understand how whole grains reduce the risk for heart disease and cancer, but they believe the key components of whole grains work together. Whole grains combine antioxidants, minerals, fiber and phytoestrogens.

"The nutrients in whole grains may act synergistically and the study of individual food constituents may mask the total health affect of whole grains," he said.

Another recent study showed fiber alone did not significantly reduce the chance of colon cancer.

Mr. Jacobs' study showed consumption of whole grains does reduce the chance of colon cancer.

It might be that it's the fiber in conjunction with the whole grains, Mr. Jacobs said.

The study showed consumption of whole wheat foods may lead to a reduction in the risk of colorectal, colon, rectum, gastric, oral, pharyngeal, tongue and esophageal cancer.

According to the study, Americans are eating fewer whole grain foods than they did 100 years ago.

In 1900, the average American consumed about 10 pounds of whole wheat flour each year. In 1997, the average American consumed only 2.4 pounds of whole wheat flour.

What other foods should you be eating?

"Food Nutrition and the Prevention of Cancer" lists the following foods as the top ten cancer fighters:

• Broccoli - Broccoli is high in vitamins, low in calories and just plain good for you. Broccoli also helps the body rid itself of waste materials and free radicals.

• Tomatoes - Tomatoes contain lycopene, a powerful antioxidant. If you can't or don't eat cooked tomatoes regularly, you can get it in supplement form. The tomatoes

should be cooked because the body can absorb the nutrient easier this way.

• Rosemary - This herb helps you season food without adding salt. As an added benefit, Rosemary contains antioxidants.

• Green tea - Research in China has shown drinking green tea, which is a good source of polyphenols, lowers the risk of esophageal and prostate cancers. Black tea is also beneficial but has the polyphenols in lower amounts.

• Garlic - Garlic helps boost the body's immune functions. It also contains antioxidants. (And if you read the Valentine's Day column, you know garlic is also considered an aphrodisiac.)

• Soy - Soy products include tofu, soy flour and soy milk. It

contains isoflavones which lower the risk of breast cancer. It's also a good source of protein.

• Flaxseed - Flaxseed contains omega 3 fatty acids which appear to help prevent the growth of tumors. Flaxseed can be found in breads sold in health food stores.

• Grapes - Grapes contain resveratrol and antioxidants which slow the growth of cancer.

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OPINION PAGE

Feel strongly about local issues?



The Sun
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(561) 996-6636

Speak Out is our 24-hour opinion line.

Call 996-6636 to express your opinion or ask questions about public issues. You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak out freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

Speeding officers

"I'm calling about the person who called and talked about the Pahokee police officers and how they speed through town.

If this person had a police scanner and could hear all the calls they go to, the 9-1-1 calls, etc. Each one of those 9-1-1 calls have to be answered and the problem is, 99.9 percent of those are prank calls and they have to go to each one of them as if they were life-threatening situations.

So, if that person who is complaining had a 9-1-1 call and the police took their time getting to their home, they wouldn't like that at all. They would want the same courtesy extended to them as these fake calls, because every one of those 9-1-1 calls have to be answered, regardless if they are fake or not. Thank you."

Why should they care?

"I was very excited when all the concerned citizens of Pahokee showed up at the council chambers the night the issue came up about residents living in the campground.

However, I learned that we have one citizen living on East Main Street that's got her house up for sale. So, what's her concern?

We have several on Bacon Point Road, one only living here a couple of months out of the year and one who does not spend a dime in the Glades - takes all their money to the coast, and spends it.

So, I don't really understand what their concern is at this point, other than just being nosy.

Thank you."

It's great that we're going to clean up Belle Glade

"I'm calling once again about the vehicles on private property issue. I am not a politician, nor am I related to any politician.

If you would have cared to have taken the time to read the original article in the Belle Glade Sun, you would have known too, that the ordinance was passed 32 years ago.

Obviously, this ordinance has negatively affected you directly so you are lashing out at politicians and everyone else. Why don't you

focus your energy on cleaning up your mess instead of being part of the problem?

I did not say "Belle Glade IS a hell hole", but, it will be if someone does not enforce the codes to get the trash and the eyesores cleaned up. I'm sorry if it hits your pocketbook, but it is your mess, so clean it up, or pay.

I'm very happy to see that there has been a clean up planning team formed, and if you didn't see that article either, it was on page 2, top left, in the March 11 Belle Glade Sun, since you missed the first one and didn't know the date when the ordinance was passed.

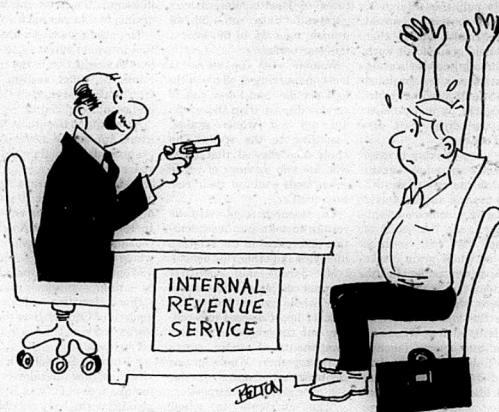
It's obvious our politicians and community leaders see the need to clean up and are acting on it. I would also like to know if there's a number I can call to volunteer to help clean up or help enforcing with the codes. I need it. Thanks"

Editor's note: Residents are encouraged to participate in the Saturday, April 1 Belle Glade Clean Up. For more information you can call Tonya Faulk or Kevin McNamara at the Sanitation Department. The number is 992-1638.

Editor's note: Rob Finke, executive director of Palm Tran responds to last week's Speak Out concerning discontinuation of service at Pruitt Village.

"In response to the caller who questioned why Palm Tran had chosen to end service to Pruitt Village in Belle Glade; the decision was made after carefully evaluating the route and determining its value to the community. Initially, local citizens requested Palm Tran stop at several of the housing areas off Airport and Duda Roads. A bus was assigned to run through the area including Pruitt Village for a full sugar growing season. Unfortunately, ridership levels were very low. In addition to the low ridership, the route was a very bumpy one and other passengers complained about going out of their way over unpleasant roads. Both factors led to the decision to end service to the area. Palm Tran regrets that we are unable to accommodate everyone who might need to use public transportation, but with limited

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"IT'S EASIER THIS WAY... NO PAPER WORK."

Letters to the editor

Gospel Explosion was a great success

Dear Editor:

I want to say thanks to everyone on behalf of the Afro Arts Gospel Explosion and Euphinea Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee for all who came and/or sent a donation on Sunday, March 13.

The program was a very spirit-filled event and attended by the tri-cities and West Palm Beach residents.

I especially want to thank Dora Stone, Sharon Brown, Darial Smith, Tommie Vereen, Leslie Thompson, C. Foster,

Robert Morris, Rev. White, Mt. Zion adult ushers, Gwen Davis, the churches, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Belle Glade, Shiloh, Pahokee, New Harvest A.M.E., Pahokee, St. John First Baptist, Belle Glade.

This was our second Explosion and as Ms. Everett states, "We're in the growing stage right now. We need your support and input for the year 2000." So, mark your calendars now for the week after the second Saturday in March. All proceeds from this benefit go to

the Euphinea Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund. If there is anyone who would like to give a donation, it is not too late. If you, or someone you know is interested in attending Dudley Cosmetology School (any of the eight schools), please contact me at 996-8435.

And please remember, "The battle is not yours, it's the Lord's."

Sincerely, Shirley Morris
601 S.W. 11th Street
Belle Glade

New techniques help reconstruct ancient diets

By Cathy Keen

University of Florida News

Out of the mouths of long-dead animals come stories of vanished landscapes, ancient weather and the way the creatures lived and died.

With a unique combination of two scientific techniques, UF paleontologist Bruce MacFadden and colleagues analyzed fossilized horse teeth and see what the animals ate, and in doing so reconstructed Florida's environment as it existed 5 million years ago.

MacFadden's article in last week's issue of the journal Science describes how he analyzed ratios of carbon isotopes along with the scratches and pits in the fossilized teeth found in Lake-land phosphate mines. He concluded that the horses ate a combination of foods befitting an ancient Florida of savannah-like grasslands interspersed with lush forests and marshy wetlands inhabited by rhinos, llamas, elephants and other exotic creatures.

"This study is noteworthy because it's the first to be published that looks at the combination of these two techniques to understand ancient diets and the ecology of a particular group of extinct mammals," he said. "These techniques are revolutionizing our ability to understand what prehistoric animals ate. Before now, the only way we could figure that out was by looking at their teeth. Not only that, our research challenges the traditional view that the form and structure of the teeth alone can tell you something about diet."

Modern grazers such as horses and zebras develop elongated, (high-crowned) teeth because they eat gritty, abrasive grasses, while browsers such as deer, whose diet consists mainly of soft leafy vegetation, have short teeth, MacFadden said.

But MacFadden's research on six species of prehistoric horses that lived 5 million years ago shows that despite all the horses having elongated teeth, they were a combination of browsers, grazers and mixed feeders. "This is the first time we've been able to use other techniques to challenge this assertion that the height of a tooth is uniquely indicative of diet," he said.

MacFadden believes the reason all these particular species had elongated teeth is that elongated teeth also existed in their ancestors, who

were grazers.

The findings support modern ecological theory that animals who live together divide up the food supply in order to minimize competition for the same resources, he said.

"This is a milestone study," said John M. Rensberger, a professor in the department of geological sciences and curator of vertebrate paleontology at the University of Washington's Burke Museum. "The research by MacFadden and colleagues provides impressive quantitative evidence that permits precise statements to be made about a partitioning by these related genera of dietary resources between grass and leaf foras."

Learning about changes in the diets of such ancient animals is important because it provides clues about how species interacted at certain points in time, MacFadden said. "If all the animals in a particular area were feeding on the same resources and there was a big extinction, you might suspect something about their diet affected the extinction."

"It also gives a lot of information about ancient environments," he said. "If you have a community of ancient animals that are all found to be grazers, then you can infer that the environment of the local habitat was grassland. If the animals are all browsers, then you can infer that there was more forest or scrub. It can give you a broad perspective over millions of years what animals fed upon and what changes occurred in the plant communities."

For this work, MacFadden ground up small parts of the horses' tooth enamel and chemically analyzed them, using an instrument called a mass spectrometer, to determine the kind and proportions of carbon in the teeth. Because of photosynthesis, they way carbon molecules are incorporated into leaves, fruit and other soft vegetation is different from the way they become a part of grass, with the different carbon makeup showing up in the teeth.

The study, supported by the National Science Foundation, also involved the microscopic analysis of scratches and pits on the teeth to determine whether the horses were browsers or grazers. Because it is abrasive, grass forms scratches on the tooth enamel when chewed, while the compression of leaves form pits on the teeth, he said.

Correction

In a Looking Back Through Time photograph in the March 4 edition, we showed a photograph taken in the 1950's of the Woman's Club of Belle Glade. The granddaughter of the first Woman's

Club president called and said her grandmother's name was Mrs. J.F. Brown, not T.C. Brown. Mrs. Brown was the first president of the Woman's Club of Belle Glade.

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Sun Spots



Church to host Mens Day Program

The men of St. John's First Missionary Baptist Church, 600 S.W. 8th Street, Belle Glade, invite the community to attend their annual Mens Day Program. The theme for this year's program is "Christian Men Letting Their Light Shine for the Glory of God."

The event will be Sunday, March 28 beginning with the morning program. Lunch will be served and a 5 p.m. worship hour titled "Portraits of a Godly Man," will begin at 3 p.m.

Wanted: Classmates from the Class of 1990

A planning committee for the class reunion of the class of 1990, Glades Central, is seeking former class members.

There will be a meeting on April 8 at 4 p.m. at Sticks' place, 340 N.W. 11th Street, Apt. 8.

For further information call Sticks at 914-0793 after 30 p.m. on weekdays or anytime on the weekend. Classmates can also call Lula at 992-9326.

Harvest Queen applications available

Applications to participate in the 1999 Harvest Queen Pageant are ready and may be obtained at Atlantic Pacific Insurance, 204 N.W. Ave. L, Belle Glade or by calling Becky White at 996-5800.

Participants must be 16-21 years of age to be a contestant and the pageant is scheduled for April 17. Deadline to enter is March 19. Tickets will be on sale again this year at Nations Bank (formerly Barnett Bank) beginning March 25.

The Harvest Queen pageant is sponsored by the Belle Glade Lions Club and Palm Beach Community College-Glades Campus and is coordinated by Mrs. Cathy Lee.

Gospel Fest

There will be a Gospel Fest on Saturday, March 27. The Gospel Fest will be held at Tanner Park in South Bay from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The date was given wrong in last week's paper. Anyone with questions can call Jenny Patterson on her beeper at 1-888-402-6244.

Gator Scramble

Glades Day School will host

their 10th Annual Gator Scramble on Saturday, March 20 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and tee-off will be at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be available.

Call the Pro Shop to register at 996-6605.

Barbecue to benefit Debbie Lantz

There will be a carry-out only medical benefit barbecue for Debbie Lantz on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. The event will be at Labor Camp 2 on West Sugar House Road.

Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, corn on the cob and rolls will be served for \$6. For more information and tickets please call SCGC Personnel Dept. at 996-4736.

Palm TransVan Outreach dates

Palm Trans's free community outreach Palm TransVan is in full gear, traveling county-wide with valuable information on Palm Tran and Spectran. Specialists will be on hand for travel planning, answering questions and providing Spectran eligibility applications if requested.

They will be at the Belle Glade Senior Citizens Center on March 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration open for summer baseball

Pahokee Bambino Babe Ruth League will begin registration for a summer baseball program. All children ages 5-12 will be accepted. Registration will take place March 20 at the Pahokee Fire Department from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The registration fee is \$35 and parents or guardians must bring the child's birth certificate or Babe Ruth ID card, in addition to any health insurance information.

To participate in the Farm League a child must be five years of age before August 1, 1999. To participate in Little League a child is not eligible for play if he or she turns 13 before August 1.

Parent participation is encouraged and welcomed.

PBCC Health Fair

Palm Beach Community College's 1999 Health Fair, featuring over 20 local agencies, will

be presented March 23-25. The scheduled participants will include the Lung Mobile, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Palm Beach County Kidney Association and Med-Mobile.

Additionally, PBCC's nursing department will offer free blood pressure checks and Physicians Hearing Center will give free hearing tests.

The event will be held at the Glades Campus, 1977 College Drive, Belle on March 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is free to the public.

Auditions for "The Wiz of the West"

Auditions will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "The Wiz of the West" on Monday, March 22 at Belle Glade Elementary from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students ages K through 12 are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. All those auditioning should arrive at 3:30 p.m. and plan to stay for the full two hour audition.

For more information call the Dolly Band Cultural Arts Center at 992-6160, or see the article on Page 2.

Black Gold Volleyball applications available

The Black Gold Jubilee Volleyball Tournament is set to begin on Saturday, April 24 at 9 a.m. at the Belle Glade Marina.

Applications to enter a team in the tournament are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, City Hall or at Glades Day School. Deadline is April 16. T-shirts will be given to each participant. The tournament is limited to the first 10 teams. Contact Dick Schmidt at 996-6029 days or 996-8782 evenings for more information.

Photography Contest deadline April 1

The deadline to enter the Black Gold Jubilee Photography Contest is Thursday, April 1 at 5 p.m.

Categories include landscapes or still life, character (people) or nature photographs. The photo must have been taken in the counties surrounding Lake Okeechobee and taken in 1998 or 1999.

Applications and further information are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce or City Hall.

Black Gold Notes

By Dianne Carter, Jubilee Chairman

Spirit of the Glades

The Jubilee '99 booklet will illustrate the theme, *Spirit of the Glades*, by recognizing some of the local organizations and individuals who have demonstrated kindness and generosity to the people of the Glades.

The booklet will feature a collection of short stories and words of wisdom that have been passed from generation to generation, courtesy of Glades area students.

Entertainment, Entertainment, Entertainment!!!

The Lake Side Concert Stage is back!!! Nashville Country Music Artist **Jeff Carson** will be the headliner with **Artie Ketchum** and **Nicole Niles**. Back by popular demand will be

the Glades own **Kaylee Schlechter**, **Tracy Mikell**, **Julie Temple**, and **Emily Cavine**. The entertainment tent and the Sunset Deck will feature many more Glades area artists.

Parade, Tournaments, Contests

Black Gold Jubilee offers a variety of fun, food and contests! Come and enjoy the 5K Walk/Run, Volleyball Tournament, Children's Fishing Contest, Harvest Queen Contest, Photo Contest, Parade, Arts & Crafts, Gospel Sing, Art Exhibit, Glades Style Food, Entertainment, and much, much more.

Watch *The Sun* for further details on contests and events, or call Belle Glade City Hall at 996-0100 or the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745.

See you at Black Gold!!

SPEAK OUT/From Page 4

resources we sometimes have to make difficult decisions about how best to use our fleet. We welcome your suggestions and will do our best to respond to all questions from the community.

Praise and chastisement

"It's time to praise the good people in the community who invested their time, their energy and their money, the work crews, supplies and material to renovate Mace Park for Glades Youth Baseball. It was a fine job."

But, what's dished the city officials and their staff is their disinterest and for walking away from the renovations. The city hasn't even watered it enough to keep the grass green.

Ask the city for sorry alibis on this one."

Mike Underwood Parks and Recreation

CRIME STOPPERS



Antonio Woodson

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Antonio Woodson**, who is wanted for burglary with battery.

Woodson is a black male, 5'6" tall, and weighs 145 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is April 16, 1974. His last known address was 1419 First Street, Belle Glade.

His Social Security number is 262-59-4014 and his last occupation was as a laborer. His warrant was active as of March 9, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Woodson, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will correct the information and print it.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 19 arrests the week of March 8-14.

Those arrested included:

March 8 - Juvenile, 12, affray; Juvenile, 15, affray.

March 9 - David Dottin, 47, warrant for order of commitment.

March 10 - No arrests made.

March 11 - Felicia Knight, 18, petty theft.

March 12 - No arrests made.

March 13 - Camilo Arnett, 20, grand theft auto and disorderly intoxication.

March 14 - No arrests made.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 68 complaints, worked 8 crime scenes and gave 34 traffic citations the week of March 8-14.

Those arrested included:

March 8 - No arrests made.

March 9 - Juan Manuel Cano, 26, retail theft.

March 10 - Elliot David Cruz, 34, failure to appear on charges of leaving the scene of accident; Juvenile, 15, aggravated assault on a police officer; Sonja Colbert, 37, battery on a law enforcement officer and indecent exposure; Terry Willis, 44, failure to appear on charges of aggravated battery; Willie Frank Royal, 56, aggravated assault with a firearm.

March 11 - Sammie Lee Anderson, 36,

failure to appear on charges of driving with an expired driver's license; Larry Harden, 28, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and failure to appear on charges of failure to comply; John Doe aka John Green, 34, burglary to a structure and petty theft.

March 12 - Isaac Day, 20, failure to appear on charges of possession of marijuana under 20 grams and failure to appear on charges of possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

March 13 - Charles Matthew Bailey, 29, felony retail theft.

March 14 - Vincent Tracy Williams, 30, order of commitment.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 3 arrests the week of March 7-13.

Those arrested included:

March 7 - No arrests made.

March 8 - Aurora Faust, 22, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

March 9 - No arrests made.

March 10 - No arrests made.

March 11 - Parrish Roberson, 35, warrant for violation of probation on charges of violation of a domestic injunction.

March 12 - No arrests made.

March 13 - Juvenile, grand theft of a vehicle, resisting arrest without violence and fleeing a police officer.

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NASCAR this week

OnTV

All Times Eastern

- Trucks, Florida Dodge 400 3 p.m. • Saturday • ABC
- Busch Series, Diamond Hill 200 5:30 p.m. • Saturday • ESPN
- Winston Cup, TransSouth Financial 400 12:30 p.m. • Sunday • ESPN

1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK (LAST YEAR)
1. Mike Skinner, 630	Mark Martin, 566	Ron Hornaday, 4,072
2. Bobby Labonte, 598	Randy LaJoie, 548	Jack Sprague, 4,069
3. Jeff Gordon, 586	Mike McLaughlin, 506	Joe Ruttman, 3,874
4. Jeff Burton, 578	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 499	Jay Sauter, 3,672
5. Mark Martin, 554	Kevin LePage, 499	Tony Raines, 3,596
6. Dale Jarrett, 512	Matt Kenseth, 498	Jimmy Hensley, 3,570
7. Chad Little, 502	Jeff Burton, 488	Stacy Compton, 3,542
8. Ernie Irvan, 498	Elliott Sauer, 478	Ging Birtle, 3,276
9. Michael Waltrip, 489	Dave Blaney, 442	Ron Barfield, 3,227
10. Ward Burton, 487	Jeff Green, 429	Mike Bliss, 3,216

TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- (1) Jeff Gordon No-brainer
- (2) Mark Martin Seldom far behind
- (3) Jeff Burton See above
- (4) Mike Skinner 4th, 6th, 4th, 6th...
- (5) Dale Jarrett Ran out of gas
- (8) Bobby Labonte Not strong enough
- (6) Jeremy Mayfield Has the horses
- (7) Rusty Wallace Trouble-filled Atlanta
- (10) Ward Burton Two straight top-10s
- (9) Dale Earnhardt Nine Darlington wins

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
March 21	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
March 28	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
April 11	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
April 18	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
May 2	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 22	Charlotte Motor Speedway*	Concord, N.C.
May 30	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 6	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 13	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Sears Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Wakarusa National	Wakarusa, N.Y.

*All-star event

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Jeff Gordon won the 44th Winston Cup race of his career, out-running Bobby Labonte to win the Cracker Barrel 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Gordon took the lead for good on the 311th of 325 laps in the rain-delayed race. His Chevrolet came out of the pits second to Labonte at lap 300, but passed the Pontiac driver five laps later and took the lead when Sterling Marlin made his final pit stop.

Mark Martin finished third, Jeff Burton, fourth, and Dale Jarrett, fifth, all in Fords. Mike Skinner maintained a 32-point lead over Labonte in the season standings with a sixth-place finish.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Winston Cup driver Mike Skinner took the checkered flag in the Yellow Freight 300, only to have the victory overturned in a post-race inspection.

Skinner's disqualification gave Pontiac driver Dave Blaney his first Busch Grand National victory. Blaney is a former star of the World of Outlaws sprint-car circuit.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Mike Skinner vs. NASCAR

The governing body disqualified Skinner, stripping him of his victory in the Yellow Freight 300 Busch Grand National race for using an "unapproved" cylinder head. "Yesterday (March 13) was wrong," said Skinner. "It was a bad call. Shame on NASCAR for doing that. I'm very upset about it. I'm been in NASCAR 100 percent. I love this series, love being here, don't get me wrong, but they were wrong. If they're mad at the Winston Cup drivers for winning all the Busch races, they need to pick on the one that's winning most of them."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion:

"Skinner has won a number of truck races and unofficial Winston Cup events in Japan, but thanks to this disqualification, he still has not won an official NASCAR touring event race in a car."

AROUND THE GARAGE

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THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

Coming up: TransSouth Financial Services 400

Where: Darlington (S.C.) Raceway
When: Sunday, March 21

Defending champion: Dale Jarrett
Event qualifying record: Ward Burton, Pontiac, 173.797 mph, March 22, 1996.

Race record: (for 400 miles) David Pearson, Ford, 132.703 mph, May 11, 1968 (for this race) Dale Earnhardt, Chevy, 139.958 mph, March 28, 1993.

Notable: Dale Jarrett has won this race the last two years, while Jeff Gordon has won the fall race (Southern 500) four times in a row. ... Darlington, which opened in 1950, is NASCAR's oldest superspeedway.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Coming up: Diamond Hill Plywood 200

Where: Darlington (S.C.) Raceway
When: Saturday, March 20

Defending champion: Bobby Labonte

*Track qualifying record: Jeff Green, Chevy, 166.337 mph, March 22, 1996.

Race record: Michael Waltrip, Pontiac, 138.140 mph, Sept. 5, 1992.

Notable: Mark Martin has won five BGN races at Darlington, one more than retired Harry Grant. ... Darlington has been the host of BGN events since the series began in 1982.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Coming up: Florida Dodge Dealers

400
Where: Miami-Homedale (Fla.)
Speedway

When: Saturday, March 20
Defending champion: Rick Crawford

Track qualifying record: Jack Sprague, Chevy, 149.283 mph, April 3, 1998.

Race record: Rick Crawford, Ford, 114.475 mph, April 3, 1998.

Notable: Kenny Irwin won this race in 1997. Dave Rezendes in 1996. ... This is the truck's season opener.

PROFILE

Kenny Irwin



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Kenny Irwin, left, talks to a crew member.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Despite being Winston Cup rookie of the year in 1998, Kenny Irwin is under his share of pressure these days.

Like Jeff Gordon before him, Irwin arrived in Cup competition with one of the sport's most prestigious rides, the famous No. 28 of owner Robert Yates. Davey Allison and Ernie Irvan drove Yates' Ford before Irwin.

Irwin started the season in style with a career-best third in the Daytona 500. ... HOMETOWN: Born and raised in Indianapolis, lives in Charlotte, N.C.

AGE: 29

MARITAL STATUS: Single

CAR: No. 28 Texaco-Havoline Ford Taurus, owned by Robert Yates.

FIRSTS: Start (Sept. 6, 1997, at Richmond), pole (Nov. 8, 1998, at Atlanta), win (none).

CAREER STATISTICS: 39 starts, 1 pole, 0 wins, 2 top-five finishes, 6 top-10s, more than \$2 million in career earnings.

WHAT ADVANTAGE DOES BEING IN YOUR SECOND SEASON GIVE YOU?

"I think anywhere you go and run good, you feel better about going back to you. You realize where you have to turn on the race track, and for me, that has been the toughest thing. I don't know where I need to be for the fast laps and to be consistent throughout the race. Tracks that we've run good and qualified good at, it's like I can get there the first lap out of the box, and we feel like we can be competitive."

WHY DO YOU THINK ATLANTA MOTOR SPEEDWAY HAS BEEN SUCH A GOOD TRACK? "It's an on-the-gas type of place. ... Let me tell you, I'll be the first to say I was more surprised than anybody in the garage at how good we ran there. ... [After his first race there] I felt good, and it was almost like, hey, you can expect this every weekend, and then reality kind of strikes. But it was good for us to go there and run good."

ARE YOU CARRYING SOME MOMENTUM? "Yes, and we feel like we can keep the momentum going, and it's nice going to tracks to start the season that we've run good at in the past, and hopefully, really get that snowball going."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

David Pearson still holds the all-time record for victories at Darlington Raceway. Seven of Pearson's 10 victories at the 1.366-mile track occurred during the spring event. Richard Petty won three times at the track's oldest superspeedway but never won on the track after 1967.

Trackside Trivia

- What was Marty Robbins' hit song about the life of a stock car racer?
- What stock car driver is mentioned in the Bruce Springsteen song "Cadillac Ranch"?
- Who was the woman driver who started 13th in NASCAR's first "Strictly Stock" race?

1. "A Million Miles" 2. "Twentieth Century Driver" 3. "J. R. Johnson"

CREW OF THE WEEK

Crew chief Jimmy Makar and his Joe Gibbs Racing/Interstate Batteries crew changed two tires faster than Jeff Gordon's crew (8.4 to 9.4 seconds), putting driver Bobby Labonte back on the track ahead of Gordon. But Gordon came from behind to win the Cracker Barrel 500 anyway.

Trump, NASCAR announce new speedway agreement

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better for Stewart, who by virtue of driving for a new team, does not have access to provisional starting positions early in the year. He currently ranks 25th in the point standings, meaning that he will have provisional starting positions next week at Darlington. The provisionals are based on car-owner points, but Stewart's car (owned by Joe Gibbs) also ranks 25th there.

IMPORTANT DISTINCTION

A small difference exists between Cup and BGN in the "governing driver action" during accidents.

Busch Grand National drivers do not race back to the caution under "gentleman's agreement."

In other words, if the track is blocked, or if the accident occurs in a location that is between the leaders and the start-finish line, drivers are not allowed to race. By radio, a NASCAR official in the tower tells drivers to "back 'em down," and drivers who do not comply can be penalized.

No such mutual agreement exists in the Winston Cup Series.

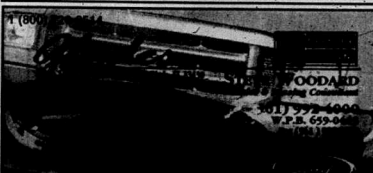
TOUGH RACE: The attrition was so great in Saturday's Yellow Freight 300 that at least one ambulance, one with "Atlanta South" lettered on the side, failed mechanically and had to be pushed behind the wall.

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A special thanks go out to Field Day helpers at Gove Elementary School. Left to right: Ms. Ruiz, Ms. Navarro and Ms. Browning wearing Mardi Gras masks.

Two Local schools earning free technology

Two local schools, Glades Day School and Gove Elementary School, have joined with thousands of schools across the country to earn free technology through the A+America Free Technology for Schools Program.

Each school is earning "A+Points" which they will redeem for free computers and software for their classrooms.

Just 20,000 A+Points are enough for a new educational software package and 149,000 A+Points will earn a school a new color printer. Schools can earn complete multimedia computers for as few as 900,000 A+Points.

The five year old program is a partnership between schools, A+America and dozens of supportive companies. School supporters simply save receipts and UPC symbols from participating sponsors and turn them into the schools.

Once the schools turn the receipts into A+America, they earn A+Points which can be redeemed for any of thousands of educational

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A+America schools have already earned more than one million dollars of free technology.

Key sponsors of the program include Duracell, Sprint Long Distance, The Chadwick's of Boston Catalog, Bob's Stores, Pep Boys, The Big Party, Stonefield Farm Yogurt, Lillian Vernon Catalog and Men's Wearhouse.

Shoemart, Kmart and Hood Dairy are also sponsors. All A+America sponsors donate a percentage of their sales to help these local schools.

School supporters who wish to help these local schools should save their receipts and UPC's and turn them into the school. Currently Glades Day has 85,765 A+Points and Gove Elementary School has 27,995 A+Points.

Each school has a coordinator who can provide more information about how to help. To learn more about A+America, call 1-800-706-5500 or see their web site at www.aplusamerica.org.

Glades Youth Baseball Association 1999 Little League Schedule at Mace Park

Thursday, March 18
Seminole vs Stein
Co-op vs J. E. Wilson

Tuesday, March 23
Stein vs Bullseye
J.E. Wilson vs Seminole

Thursday, March 25
Bullseye vs J.E. Wilson
Seminole vs Co-op

Tuesday, April 6
Co-op vs Bullseye
J.E. Wilson vs Stein

Thursday, April 8
Stein vs Co-op
Bullseye vs Seminole

Tuesday, April 13
Stein vs Bullseye
J.E. Wilson vs Co-op

Thursday, April 15
Bullseye vs Stein
Seminole vs J.E. Wilson

Tuesday, April 20
J.E. Wilson vs Bullseye
Co-op vs Seminole

Thursday, April 22
Bullseye vs Co-op
Stein vs J.E. Wilson

Tuesday, April 27
Co-op vs Stein
Seminole vs Bullseye

Thursday, April 29
Seminole vs Stein
Co-op vs J.E. Wilson

Tuesday, May 4
Stein vs Bullseye
J.E. Wilson vs Seminole

Thursday, May 6
Bullseye vs J.E. Wilson
Seminole vs Co-op

Tuesday, May 11
Co-op vs Bullseye
J.E. Wilson vs Stein

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Home team, Third Base
Dugout.

1st team listed play on

North Field

2nd team listed play on

South Field

All games start at 6 p.m.



Gove Elementary School

It has been an exciting month with the final winning class in the race to Mardi Gras in New Orleans before French Field Days. Mrs. Kathy Miller's class won the privilege to be the King's and Queen's of Field Day and handed out Mardi Gras beads and French coins to all students and personnel at Gove Elementary.

Did you know that there are over 20 countries with French as the official language? That is one of the many questions answered as Gove students traveled around the world. The classes chose a country, made a flag on a banner and some even made T-shirts and painted their faces to represent their country.

The special Field Day started in Canada with ice hockey and learning numbers in French. They then crossed the Atlantic Ocean to France with a hot air balloon parachute ride to the Eiffel Tower. There, the students became a part of the Tour De France (tricycle race), traveling throughout the country side as they learned their colors in French. After France, the students went south over the Mediterranean Sea to the center of Africa to enjoy relays as they learned their shapes in French and found the fastest boy and girl in each grade. Last, but not least, they crossed the Indian Ocean over Australia and the Pacific Ocean to South America.

It was a great adventure in French Guiana by the Amazon River, where they played Piranhas and Minnows (flag tag). After their last station, they went north through the Caribbean Sea, Central America, Mexico, USA and back to Canada.

At every station, they were asked questions and received stickers and points for their team. Classes received All Star Trophies for outstanding sportsmanship, spirit, knowledge of geography and teamwork.

Glades Day School

Gator Tales By Jake Davis and Donna Dixon

The senior class play will be held Friday, March 19, at 8 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. This year's play is a comedy entitled "They Run In Our Family." Tickets can be purchased from seniors of Glades Day School for \$10.

This weekend kicks off Glades Day Schools annual Spring Fling. On Saturday, March 20, a golf tournament will be held at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course. Anyone interested in playing can sign up for this event any time before Saturday at the courses pro shop.

Spring Fling continues on Sunday, March 21, with a busy day of events at GDS. Many events will be held on the baseball and football fields. The Alumni Baseball game will begin at 2 p.m.

The football field will be the site of the children's activities. A drawing for a Polaris Personal Watercraft will also be held Sunday. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 in the finance office.

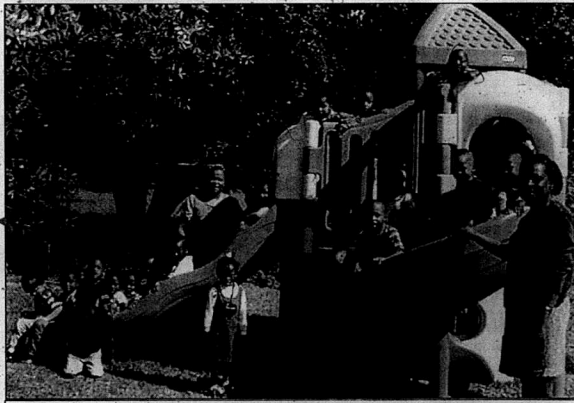
There will also be a BBQ chicken dinner in Tripp Hall at 11 a.m. Tickets will cost \$6 and can also be purchased in the finance office.

There will be no school on Monday, March 22. The day will be a teacher's planning day, a time for students to relax and for teachers to plan for the rest of the year.

On Tuesday, March 23, there will be a Cuban dinner held in Tripp Hall. The dinner will help pay for the girls' volleyball team to attend camp this summer. Tickets are available through members of the volleyball team.

Heff Jones will be delivering the senior graduation announcements on Wednesday, March 24. They will also deliver the sophomore class rings. All items can be picked up in the Gator Room at GDS.

The GDS elementary will be presenting Dan Christopher and his cast of wacky puppets. It is a delightful and educational puppet show entitled "If Trees could Talk." This event will be held on Friday, March 26 at 9:30 a.m. in Tripp Hall. There will be a donation of \$1 per student to help cover expenses.



The kids at the Peppi Headsstart Program got a special treat last week when the Lutheran Ministries of Florida purchased new playground equipment. Members of the Belle Glade Police Department helped put the equipment together along with members of the Sons of Light. A special thank you goes out to Curtis Stambaugh and Alfonso B. Funderbark for all their hard work.

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Floyd Jackson promoted at Dell Computer Corporation

Former South Bay resident work since joining Dell.

Floyd Jackson, has been promoted to Configuration Management Specialist at Dell Computer Corporation.

The corporation is located in Round Rock, Texas.

Dell Computer is one of the world's top personal computer makers and the world's number one direct sale computer vendor.

Mr. Jackson started with the company in September of 1996 as a Technical Support Technician and has received several awards for his excellent

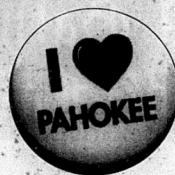
Floyd is a 1989 graduate of Glades Central High School, where he was named scholar athlete of the year during his senior year.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Jackson of South Bay.





Pahokee Chamber of Commerce holds monthly breakfast



By Debra Miller
Staff Reporter

The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce held their monthly breakfast to announce the exciting events happening in the city over the next couple of months, including a clean up project and a fish fry.

I Love Pahokee

On Saturday, March 27 an I Love Pahokee Low Country & Fish Fry will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the Lake.

All dinners will be presold, so get your tickets early from any board member or at the Chamber office. This will be a great family day.

Enjoy a delicious meal of shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes and seasonings cooked together and served with hush puppies or a delicious fried catfish dinner with all the trimmings.

Entertainment will be provided by the Pahokee Middle/Senior High School multi-cultural dancers, the Harvest Church Brass Ensemble and Trannin Mahfuz, a performer of traditional East Indian dances. Tickets are \$10 for Low Country Boil and \$6 for fish dinners.

Clean-up Pahokee

On Saturday, April 3, the city will join Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, formerly Beautiful Palm Beaches, Inc. and the Solid Waste Authority to clean up the city.

Make plans now to join local residents, chamber

members, Main Street members, fraternities, local clubs, organizations and commission members to help make Pahokee a clean place to live.

Melissa Booth, Executive Director of the newly renamed Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, told chamber members at the monthly breakfast that a clean city does make a safer place to live.

"We will provide the tools needed in the clean-up, such as trash bags and gloves, but it takes residents on a local level to make this clean-up work," said Ms. Booth. "Some people believe there are more serious problems in Palm Beach County which can't be solved by planting a tree or cleaning-up, but studies have shown that a clean environment does in fact deter crime in certain areas."

Joanna Aiken, Community Service Coordinator for the Solid Waste Authority has joined Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful and will be available to offer helpful advice to residents on obtaining free recycled exterior paint and other grant funded program to help clean up the city.

Applications are available by calling the Solid Waste Authority at (561)833-0553 for more information.

If you are interested in helping with the Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful contact the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce. The clean-up will be held from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Education Conference
On Thursday, March 25 and Friday, March 26, the Alzheimer's Alliance is hosting its fifth annual educational conference.

The Road Map to Alzheimer's Care, will be held at the Omni Hotel in West Palm Beach. Registration opens at 8 a.m. each day and fees before March 19 are \$125 for professionals and \$35 for caregivers and the general public.

For more information, or to receive a registration form, call the Alzheimer's Community Care Association at (561)693-2700.

Hard Worker Praised



order to Harrison Harris who was nominated for the meticulous work that he is doing around the city. You can see him on Larrimore Road, downtown or on Bacom Point edging and manuring anytime. He is now employed with the City of Pahokee on

a part time basis. He was honored at the March 4th Breakfast meeting with a certificate of appreciation for all of his hard work.

Special Thanks

A special thanks goes to Hugh H. Branch, Inc. for sponsoring this month's newsletter. Both Hugh and Barbara have been tremendous supporters of the city, the Chamber & Pahokee Main Street.

New VP

Chamber Director Hilda Edmondson was recently elected a Vice President of the Bank of Belle Glade.

A meeting has been scheduled by the Pahokee Garden Club on March 18 at the City Park from 8 until 10:30 a.m. regarding the club's Adopt-A-Highway litter control project.

President Shirlee Ingram also announces that the club recently planted a white Southern Magnolia in memory of Mae Pape.

Help Needed

Volunteers and donations are urgently needed at the Glades Boys & Girls Club. The club, which meets at several schools in the Glades, serves about 600 children on a daily basis.

Call Director Bill Carter at 992-3655 to see how you can help.

Business of the Month

Hugh H. Branch, Inc. was named Business of the Month at the Chamber.

The business is a family-owned and operated company founded in 1957.

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Obituaries

Week of March 18, 1999

Eugene McClure, 52, died at Haverhill Care Center on Tuesday, March 9. He was born on Dec. 30, 1946 and grew up in Belle Glade.

Mr. McClure attended Belle Glade High School where he was a member of the band. He was a charter member of Everglades Presbyterian Church, where he was a choir member. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Worth.

He was a resident of Haverhill Care Center for the past eight years.

Preceded in death by his father, Cecil, in 1989, he is survived by his loving and devoted mother, Norma G. McClure of Greenacres, his sister, Alma (A.J.) Harrell, nieces Nancy (Jorge) Cano, Linda (Tom) Wagner, nephew Mark (Robin) Harrell,

In addition, he is survived by great nieces, Allisia M. Cano and Heather (Justin) Stabley, great nephews Jorge Cano, T.J. and Brandon Wagner, Chaz and Dillon Harrell, great-great niece, Allyssa Stabley and many cousins in Belle Glade an aunt, Bonnie Carson and cousins in South Carolina.

Services were held at E. Earl Smith Funeral Home, Memory Gardens Chapel on Thursday, March 11, with Dr. James H. Huffaker, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Worth officiating.

Interment was at Memory Gardens in Lake Worth.

Steve Hoft, Jr., 77 of Belle Glade, passed away Monday, March 15 at Palms West Hospital in Loxahatchee.

Mr. Hoft had been a resident of Belle Glade for over 30 years and had retired from the automotive industry several years ago.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce LaVaun Hoft and left behind a daughter, Karla Langenwalter of Belle Glade, two grandchildren, Brandon and Brittany Langenwalter of Belle Glade. Mr. Hoft also left behind many friends and relatives who will miss him dearly.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 16 at Mixson Funeral Home Chapel with funeral services on Wednesday, March 17. Reverend Linda Joyce of Canal Point Methodist Church conducted the services, which were followed by interment at Palm Beach Memorial Park in Lantana.

Mixson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Teachers at Trechouse Learning Center have been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) National credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children were: (Left to right) Rose Minor, pre-k, four and five year old teacher, Brenda Bouie, pre-k and three year old teacher, Bonnie Sterling, one year old teacher and Beverly Hale, pre-k and three year old teacher.

The credential was awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve child care by evaluation and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. The first credential was awarded 20 years ago and now 46 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their child care licensing regulations.

Parents who use child care are especially concerned today about their children's welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA assessment process, every candidate for the CDA credential is observed working with young children by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to work with families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

The CDA credential is having a positive effect on the quality of child care. Its impact is evident in center based care as well as family child care, the most common form of care for children under five years old.

Parents who use child care and parents wanting information on CDA should write the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition at 2460 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20009-3575 or call (202) 265-9090 or 1 (800) 424-4310.



Janis Fliche was awarded the Girl of the Year from Laureate Gamma Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. She was presented with an orchid corsage and a beautiful crystal rose.

Social News

Laureate Gamma Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Cal and Jeannette Cearley hosted Laureate Gamma Zeta's Girl Of The Year Party on Saturday, March 10 at their home in Wellington. Members and their husbands enjoyed cocktails and delicious hors d'oeuvres prior to dinner.

Echo Painter read the following: "Our girl of the year brings joy to everyone and is always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed. She is an inspiration to those around her. Sincerity is one of her best qualities." Congratulations Janis Fliche, Girl Of The Year!

Janis was presented with an orchid corsage and a beautiful crystal rose tray.

Members and their husbands attending the social affair were Virginia and Frank Anderson, Mary Francis and Lee Burke, Jeannette and Cal Cearley, Gene and Francis Cross, Nancy and Hooker, "D" and Mendal Luce, Flo Jones, Edie Kirchman and Echo Painter.

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K-Man vs EFE
Point Store vs O'Farms
Monday, March 22
EFE vs Edens
O'Farms vs K-Man
Friday, March 26
Edens vs Larry's
Point Store vs K-Man
EFE vs O'Farms
Monday, April 5
K-Man vs Mr. Auto
Larry's vs EFE
Friday, April 9
Point Store vs Mr. Auto
O'Farms vs EFE
Edens vs K-Man
Monday, April 12
Larry's vs Mr. Auto
Point Store vs EFE
Friday, April 16
O'Farms vs Larry's
K-Man vs Edens
EFE vs Mr. Auto
Monday, April 19
O'Farms vs Point Store
Mr. Auto vs Edens
Friday April 23
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